

LABOR GENTLEMEN, inspired it is said by the Russian Bolsheviks, have taken for their motto, "We have nothing to lose but our chains."

That's true, but not as the labor orators mean it. The "chains" are on the brain, on the thinking power, not on wrists or ankles. Nobody knows better than Lenin, unless it be Trotsky, that the chains keeping men down are on the brains.

ONCE THEY KNOW enough to be free, they don't remain slaves long.

Once men know enough not to gamble, you don't have to pass laws against gambling houses.

The trouble with the world is not so much iniquity at the top—although there is plenty of that—as it is stupidity and dullness at the bottom.

IF YOU TOOK 100 of the best men that ever lived, from Confucius to Thomas A. Edison, and sent them to start a fine government in the Congo region, what would you have after a hundred years? You would have Congo savages, nothing else, for it takes more than 100 years to change savages into men.

It isn't so much that the average man is kept down as it is that he doesn't get up.

FROM TOKYO you can learn that Uncle Sam is to be in a three-cornered Pacific Ocean agreement. Italy and France, wriggling out, can't see any special reason why they should agree to cut down their navies, or guarantee Japan and England against trouble in the Pacific, where they took all Germany's real estate.

THE NEW PLAN is to have a three-power agreement among Japan, England and the United States. Japan and England recently were united by treaty. Between them they will have a navy double the size of the United States. Uncle Sam will guarantee them in the Pacific. And at any time they will have a navy big enough to sink Uncle Sam's navy in case anything goes wrong with the agreement.

Not bad for England and Japan? How about the United States?

Mr. Will Rogers was right when he said: "The United States never lost a war and never won a conference."

WALL STREET NEWSPAPERS discover that Senator Borah is "a wise statesman," now that Borah is trying to have us underwrite a few more of Europe's troubles.

The same Wall Street organs call Hiram Johnson "a professional demagogue" because he thinks American Government should interest itself in America. If Senator Borah goes too deep into the European philanthropy business, he will find that the opinion of Wall Street newspapers isn't the opinion of voters out in his direction.

WHAT'S THE USE of talking about a finished civilization or "fully developed man," when human beings haven't even finished learning how to swim? Fred Cady, who teaches swimming at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, developing a new "leg drive" connected with the "crawl" stroke, thinks it will cut the swimming speed record considerably.

THE NEANDERTHAL MAN, owner of the famous skull, when he lived perhaps a hundred thousand years ago, was practicing faster swimming.

In those days fast swimming meant saving your life. When the war canoes upset and warriors were spilled the fast swimmer lived; the other didn't. A second in a hundred yards would mean life or death. And now when swimming is only amusement we are still learning how to do it. We haven't really finished learning anything.

MOVING PICTURES may be useful in many unexpected ways. Siki, the black man who defeated Carpenter, says it was

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Doctor Coue
Continues his amazing
articles on Self Mastery
today—Page 3.

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AMERICA FIRST

The Weather
Cloudy, followed by
rain in afternoon, tonight
and tomorrow; colder.



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HARDING TO JOIN FIGHT ON BORAH PARLEY

DE VALERA IN MOVE TO END CIVIL WAR IN IRELAND; EX-MAYOR OF MER ROUGE ARRESTED IN BALTIMORE

DOCTOR FOUND IN BALTIMORE AS STUDENT AT JOHNS HOPKINS

McKoin Held on Murder Charge
Following Instructions Issued
by Governor of the State

DENIES KNOWING OF CRIME

Threats Forced Him to Give
Up His Business in Louisiana
Parish, Physician Says

By Universal Service.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—A dramatic arrest in connection with the Louisiana Ku Klux Klan investigation was made here today. Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, the little northern Louisiana hamlet where T. J. Richards and Watt Daniels are alleged to have been slain by a white-robed, hooded band of men, was taken into custody on a charge of murder.

Dr. McKoin was attending the Bradley Clinic of the Johns Hopkins Hospital when the detectives arrived. The doctor was wearing a surgeon's coat, but was permitted to change to his street clothes.

ORDERED BY PARKER.

The doctor admitted he was the man named for arrest in the telegram received by the Baltimore authorities from the Louisiana authorities. It was understood his arrest was ordered by Governor John M. Parker, of Louisiana.

DRIVEN FROM MER ROUGE.

"I am practically ruined financially," he said. "I got out of Mer Rouge without collecting bills due me from my patients. Physician friends of mine are providing the money to enable me to study here. My friends advised me to leave because my work required me to go into rural communities much at night. Shot at from ambush and just missed, I was told that I could not protect myself from such attacks."

The doctor denied that he had any connection with the slaying of Richards and Daniels. He said he had served two terms as mayor of Mer Rouge and claimed he had incurred the enmity of a faction in the community because of his enforcement of law while mayor.

MADE MANY ENEMIES.

"I did my best to stop association of white men with negro women, gambling and other evils," he said. "Last summer some of the men opposed to me used to come out in front of my house and fire off their guns and shout. It frightened my wife and children. I asked that it be stopped. But it wasn't. Then I began to hear threats."

It was at this time, according to the doctor, that he was fired upon from ambush. He had visited a patient, an old negro woman. Soon after he had made the call he was summoned back.

"I thought perhaps my medicine had been too strong for her, and

Tell U.S. I'm Old, Not Dead, Says Immortal Sarah

By Universal Service.

PARIS, Dec. 26.

THROUGH her personal secretary, Sarah Bernhardt tonight sent the following message to Universal Service: "Tell America that I am better. Tell my friends in the new world not to worry, that I am merely resting up. I am an old woman but not a dead one. I plan to leave for my farewell tour of the United States in March."

BANISHED PRINCE REPORTED IN GREECE

Andrew's Rumored Return
Linked With Revolt Movement
in Athens.

Special Cable Dispatch.

ATHENS, Dec. 26.—New reports of revolutionary plots were rife tonight, following the degrading of Admiral Gouffier and General Strategos who were sentenced to life imprisonment by revolutionary troops.

It was intimated in certain quarters that Prince Andrew, who was banished several weeks ago, had returned to Greece, but this report could not be confirmed. Dispatches from Paris stated that Prince Andrew had been missing from his apartment at the Ritz for several days.

King George has expressed to the government his desire to leave Greece, but the government opposed the request and took measures to prevent the sovereign from leaving the palace.

At present the king is virtually a prisoner in the palace and is unable to see any persons except those possessing the confidence of the government.

Unguarded Convicts Act As Warden's Pallbearers

UPPER MERLBORO, Md., Dec. 26.—Six unguarded prisoners from the New Castle Workhouse, Wilmington, Del., acted as pallbearers for Mordecai S. Plummer, late warden and founder of the honor system at the penal institution, who was buried in the Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery here today.

The convicts also accompanied the body from Wilmington to this city, without guard.

Warden Plummer, who was a grandson of former Gov. Pratt, of Maryland, was for many years post office inspector in Washington and Baltimore.

Fall Kills Woodward, Noted Vegetarian, 91

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Corodan Roswell Woodward, ninety-one, famous vegetarian, died at his home here today following a fall on the street four days ago. He spent his late years extolling virtue of meatless diet. He claimed his long life was due to it.

Mussolini Acts to Heal Breach with Vatican

ROME, Dec. 26.—Premier Mussolini is willing to renounce his right to review Papal nominations for the Italian Episcopate, relying on the Pope's judgment.

This is regarded as a great step towards the re-establishment of peace between Italy and the Church.

Cheers Greet Arbuckle's First Film Appearance Since "Pardon"

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Sunday at the Park Music Hall. ("Fatty") Arbuckle's first appearance on the screen since he was "pardoned" by Will Hays was greeted with cheers.

The test of the attitude of the public toward the fat comedian, it became known tonight, was made

PEACE CONGRESS URGED BY SINN FEIN

Surrender of Arms Expected
to Be Basis of Truce
Proposal.

CLUBS PASS RESOLUTION

Governor - General Healy
Pledges Co-operation in
Settlement.

Special Cable Dispatch.

DUBLIN, Dec. 26.—Ireland, for centuries in the throes of internal and external strife, tonight is on the eve of peace.

It is generally understood that the resolution passed by the Sinn Fein clubs today urging a convocation of the Sinn Fein congress to arrange peace between the Republicans and the Free Staters was sponsored personally by Eamonn de Valera.

MUST LAY DOWN ARMS.

President Cosgrave has repeatedly made it plain that he would insist on the complete surrender of all arms and ammunition before the political prisoners now being held would be released, and, in well-informed quarters it was stated that this would be the basis of the Republicans' proposals to the Free Staters.

Timothy Healy, governor-general of Ireland, representative of King George, has been approached informally by several Sinn Fein leaders and has promised his "utmost co-operation."

That Healy and Cosgrave are taking the resolution of the Sinn Fein clubs seriously is made plain by the fact that they conferred tonight for more than an hour and it is understood they laid tentative plans for receiving proposals for ending the civil war.

Daniel McGrath Missing; Irish Consulate Closed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The office of the "Irish Consulate," from which Daniel J. McGrath directed the affairs of the Dail Eireann in this city before he received a letter threatening death unless he left the country before December 26, was closed today.

Leaders in Irish affairs claim they do not know where he is.

McGrath received the letter, signed by "Military Authority, Irish Republican Army," on December 14, saying he would be shot on sight after the morning of December 26 because the writers held him responsible for the execution of Rory O'Connor and three other Irish Republican leaders in November.

Dr. Lorenz' Son Fails In Attempt to Marry

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Dr. Albert famous Viennese surgeon, went to the marriage license bureau in the Municipal Building today, accompanied by a young woman, whose name was not learned, and applied for a marriage license.

It is said he produced papers purporting to show he had been divorced and that those in charge at the marriage license bureau declared the papers were not those of divorce, but of separation and Dr. Lorenz's application was denied.

Tenth Catholic Church In Canada In Year Burns

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 26.—The tenth fire in a Canadian Catholic institution this year was reported today when the parish church of St. Thomas de Alfred, at Fasset, was destroyed. Unlike several of the other fires, notably the one which destroyed the church of Notre Dame de la Recouvrance, Friday, there was no evidence of incendiarism.

As a result of the Notre Dame blaze, some insurance companies have announced they will no longer underwrite Catholic institutions.

FIANCEE FLEES AGAIN AS CHINESE ARRIVES

Father Asked to Cancel Wedding Contract As Mildred Wen Vanishes.

REWARD IS WITHDRAWN

Girl Alleged to Have Said She Preferred Death to Marrying Lee.

"I would rather die than marry George Nun Lee."

This statement, said to have been made by pretty eighteen-year-old Miss Mildred Wen, 316 Ninth street northwest, Chinese heiress, who was to have married Lee last night, offered police the first clue into the second mysterious disappearance of the girl.

FATHER IS WARNED.

Declaring the girl had been tricked into returning home after her first flight by the story that her mother was ill and that the wedding would be postponed, Detective H. K. Wilson appealed to the father, Charles Wen, to cancel the wedding contract with the New Yorker.

The \$300 reward offered by the uncle, George Wen, when the girl first disappeared was canceled last night. "It is entirely up to her father to cancel the contract, and then I know Mildred will return," said the uncle.

Mildred first left her home Friday, the day before she was to be taken to New York to meet Lee, to whom she had been betrothed for six months. She sought refuge at the home of a friend in the northeast section.

FLEES AT THEATER DOOR.

Policewoman Jones, of the woman's bureau, located her and persuaded her to return home Christmas. Immediately upon her arrival she was placed in the custody of Miss Margaret Soo, daughter of Charles Soo, 335 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, known as the mayor of Chinatown.

The parents then expedited wedding arrangements, wired Lee to rush to Washington and engaged Dr. A. Freeman Anderson, assistant pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, to perform the ceremony last night.

Yesterday afternoon as Mildred and her guard were about to enter the Cosmos Theater Mildred asked Miss Soo for permission to see a friend around the corner. The couple parted and the girl has not been seen since.

The pastor waited vainly at the church. Lee, who arrived last night at 7 o'clock, was met at the station by the girl's father and a search was conducted vainly until early this morning.

Deny Receiving Reports On Return of Bergdoll

The Department of Justice has received no official reports that Grover Bergdoll has left Germany, it was stated yesterday in response to reports that the former Philadelphia draft dodger was planning to re-enter this country in disguise.

Frear Denounces Kahn For New Proposal to Cancel Europe's Debts

Motives Sharply Questioned by Wisconsin Representative, Who Pertinently Asks Why Banker Does Not Advocate Remission of Private Loans Abroad.

By WINDER R. HARRIS.
Universal Service.

Representative James A. Frear (Rep.), of Wisconsin, last night called on the foreign debt funding commission to advise foreign powers that Otto H. Kahn, in urging cancellation of the war debts owing the United States, speaks neither for the commission, for Congress or the American people.

Representative Frear's request, made in a letter to Senator Smoot, a member of the debt commission, was prompted by Mr. Kahn's latest proposal for debt cancellation outlined in a communication to the Utah Senator made public Monday.

Sharply assailing the New York banker, Mr. Frear declared, "it may be an open question what country and what class of creditors Mr. Kahn today represents." His frequent advocacy of cancellation, the letter further asserted, "suggests a propaganda tending to embarrass the commission and to mislead foreign governments as to sentiment in this country on the subject."

The Wisconsin Representative pointed out that Mr. Kahn makes no suggestion of cancellation of any part of the four billion dollars in foreign securities held by private interests, largely international bankers, which would be tremendously enhanced in value through remission of Government obligations.

Cancellation Talk Called Silly.

Senator Smoot had not received either of the communications last night, he said, and, therefore, declined to comment on them. It was again explained by members of the debt commission, however, that any talk of cancellation is "silly."

The text of the Frear letter follows: The press this morning gives wide publicity to a proposal of Mr. Otto Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., international bankers, New York, that your commission proceed to cancel the debt owing by European countries to the United States excepting money loaned after armistice which he generously admits is a proper subject for refunding.

Mr. Kahn has an equal right to volunteer advice with every other citizen, whether by birth or choice, but the frequency of his advice for cancellation of foreign debts in whole or in part, prior to and since the act of Congress governing the refunding proposal, and the publicity attending his efforts to that end suggest a propaganda tending to embarrass the commission and to mislead foreign governments as to sentiment in this country on the subject. In fact, constant efforts to hold out unwarranted hopes to European countries of cancellation is to be condemned because Mr. Kahn, speaking without shadow of authority, may thus seriously hamper the work of your commission.

Assails Banker's "Effusions."

When the refunding resolution was before our committee (Ways and Means), I offered five amendments, all of which in whole or with modifications were then adopted, accepted by the House and Senate and are now law, governing the jurisdiction of your commission. These amendments include prohibition against cancellation of debts and against substitution of obligations of other countries for those to be given direct by the government indebted to us.

That law, subject to its modification or repeal by Congress, of course, governs the commission now, instead of frequent effusions of Mr. Kahn, which fact, of course, is appreciated by those chosen to administer the law.

Possible testimony before our committee that over \$4,000,000,000 in foreign securities are held largely by international bankers, including Kuhn, Loeb & Co., may be a factor in constant appeals for cancellation of the Government's debt. No payment of these foreign debts to New York international bankers or their customers can be expected until the Government's prior lien of approximately \$11,000,000,000 has been provided for. Mr. Kahn's foreign debt private holdings are not proposed for him for cancellation, nor does he suggest that foreign governments should relinquish their treaty land acquisitions as an inducement for cancellation of their debts.

Commission Is Capable.

I believe the commission chosen by the President is abundantly able to handle the foreign debt settlements, but I submit in view of Mr. Kahn's frequent inspired utterances, which serve to mislead foreign governments and embarrass our own, and of his antecedents, that it may be an open question what country and what class of creditors Mr. Kahn today represents.

I submit that in a matter of such vast importance, the commission should apprise foreign governments at an early day of the anomalous position occupied by Mr. Kahn and that he does not speak for the commission, for the Congress, or for the American people.

WHITE HOUSE TO EMPHASIZE OPPOSITION TO PARLEY TODAY

President Expected to Make
Known His Views in Letter
to Administration Leader

LODGE WILL OPEN ATTACK

Proposed Economic Conference Is Inopportune and Dangerous, Declares New

By Universal Service.

The Administration fight on Senator Borah's resolution for an international economic conference will open in the Senate today when Congress reconvenes.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader and chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, will set forth the Administration view in a carefully prepared address attacking the Borah proposal as unsound and untimely.

President Harding himself, it was indicated authoritatively at the White House yesterday, will join in the fight by making known his views on the resolution.

OPPOSITION STRONG.

Discussion of the Borah plan was refused yesterday at the White House, but it was strongly intimated that the President would express his opinion publicly today. It is understood that the President is strongly opposed to the proposal.

This expression, it is believed, is likely to take the form of a letter from the President to Senator Lodge or some other Administration leader in the Senate.

Senator New, of Indiana, intimate friend of the President, announced himself yesterday as strongly opposed to the Borah proposals, which are made as an amendment to the pending naval appropriation bill.

Senator New's statement follows: In my judgment, the proposal made by Senator Borah's amendment is inopportune, and I am not at all disposed to favor it. It must be apparent that the Administration is keenly alive to the economic situation abroad and to the manner in which it affects the interests of the United States.

NO DEBT CANCELLATION. I do not mean that the Administration has any plan upon which it may intervene. Indeed, it may never be able to arrive at one; but that it is seriously considering the possibilities with a hope of being able to find a way to be helpful in restoring the economic balance is apparent.

If a conference of nations concerning this is to be held anywhere, the United States is the last country in which it should be held. Beyond all question, the sentiment of this country is opposed to the cancellation of the debts owing us by these powers; and it would be impossible to bring them here for a consideration of general conditions without injecting into the deliberations the time and the method for the payment of their indebtedness to us.

WOULD AVOID DUNNING.

The whole thing would take on the appearance of an assembly called by the United States in order that we might dun its members; and nothing would be more unfortunate than that.

It is unhappily true that the